

**June 24, 2008 meeting minutes
Cambridge GLBT Commission**

I. Call to Order, Appointment of Minutes Taker, Recording Roll

Toni Snow recorded these minutes.

Commissioners Present: Colby Berger, Sarav Chithambaram, Monika Dargin, John Gintell, Chris Mason, Richard Scali, Richard Juang, Lesley Phillips, Toni Snow, Jeff Walker, Tony Wieczorek.

II. Motion to Accept Agenda: Passed.

III. Motion to Accept minutes from May 2008 meeting: Passed.

IV. Sub-Committee Reports and Updates on Tasks:

A. GLBT Operations (Lesley Phillips):

a. Review of Rules of the GLBT Commission. John G. distributed draft version of Rules. Commissioners reviewed and edited. Focus was on sections pertaining to how officers are elected.

Next Steps: Rules will be finalized and published on website.

b. Motion to elect new co-chairs at next meeting in July – motion approved.

Next Steps: Job descriptions will be distributed by Tuesday, July 8th. Interested Commissioners should indicate their interest via email with accompanying short bio. Voting will take place by show of hands at July 24th meeting. Proxy votes, for Commissioners who cannot attend meeting, can be sent by noon on the day of the meeting via email.

B. Cambridge Police Department (Toni Snow):

Richard Juang will join police sub-committee. First meeting to be scheduled for July 10th or 17th.

Next Steps: Work with Joanne Shapiro re hate crimes and incorporating GLBT awareness as part of the basic CPD training. Explore how to address similar gaps in the training of EMTs, Firefighters, House of Corrections administrators, etc.

C. GLBT Elders (John Gintell):

Discussion re accessing Cambridge's "Aging in Place" initiative to reach out to GLBT seniors.

Next Steps: Utilize Town Meeting in October to elicit need for survey to address elder GLBT housing issues.

D. Education (Bob Parlin):

Discussion tabled due to absence of Bob Parlin.

Next Steps: TBD

E. Events - Pride, OUTfest, Town Mtg – (Jeff Walker):

a. **Update on June 14th GLBT Pride Brunch** - Event was a great success! Brunch well attended (200 ppl); included families.

Next Steps: Build on this year's success for next year's Pride.

b. Town Meeting to coincide with OUTfest – Discussed date (possibly October 8 or 9 – October 11th is National Coming Out Day), location (City Hall favored), and format (break-out sessions were effective last time.)
Next Steps: Firm up logistics.

F. Publicity (Chris Mason):

Next Steps: Meeting to be scheduled.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.